

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:213
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2016
Import of Coconut
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Import policy of the Government for coconut and allied products;
- (b) whether the Government has imported coconut and allied products in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) if so, the details of import, country/ quantity and value-wise and the licenses issued in this regard; and
- (d) whether the said imports have been effected under any Free Trade Agreement and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

a) to d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 213 FOR ANSWER ON 1st AUGUST, 2016 REGARDING "IMPORT OF COCONUT"

(a) Import policy for coconut and its allied products is indicated in the table below.

Sl.No	description	ITC(HS)	Import Policy
1	Coconut (desiccated)	0801110	Free
2	Coconut in the inner shell	080112	Free
3	Coconut (other)	080119	Free
4	Coconut Oil (crude)	151311	Through STC
5	Coconut Oil (others)	151319	Through STC
6	Coconut oil cake	230650	Free
7	Coconut Shell	44029010	Free
8	Coconut Shell (unworked)	14049060	Free

(b) & (c): The quantity and value wise import of coconut and its allied products during the last three years and current year is given in Annex-I and country wise import is at Annex-II. Since five items are freely importable as per the above table, no license is required for their import. Further, two items namely, coconut oil and its oil cake are cannalised through State Trading Corporation(STC).

(d) India has FTAs with its South Asian neighbours (SAFTA) and with ASEAN countries (India-ASEAN FTA). From Annex-II, it can be seen that import is taking place only from Sri Lanka within South Asia. Within ASEAN, import is mostly taking place from Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam. The Negative List under SAFTA covers coconut items namely, desiccated coconut (HS: 080111) and other-in shell coconut (HS:080119), Coconut Oil(crude) HS:15131100, wood charcoal of coconut shell HS:440290 and hence, Sri Lanka does not enjoy tariff concession on these items/lines.

Under India-ASEAN FTA, India's Exclusion List covers most coconut and their related items namely, Coconut (Fresh, dried whether shelled or peeled- HS:080111, 080112, 080119 , Coconut oil (HS:1513) and Oil Cake (HS:230650).

Annex-I

Quantity & Value wise import of Coconut during last three years & current year

(Values in Million US\$)

ITC(HS) Code 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17

QTY(TON) VAL QTY(TON) VAL QTY(TON) VAL QTY(TON) VAL

Coconut 080111 12.50 0.02 246.07 0.60 65.50 0.10 nil nil

080112 30.00 0.02 nil nil nil nil nil nil

080119 2.04 0.01 nil nil nil nil nil nil

Coconut Total 44.54 0.04 246.07 0.60 65.50 0.10 nil nil

Coconut Oil 151311 nil nil 6205.34 7.91 2415.00 2.86 nil nil

151319 1645.57 1.50 3467.91 5.07 2759.81 3.50 nil nil

Coconut Oil Total 1645.57 1.50 9673.25 12.98 5174.81 6.35 nil nil

Coconut Oil Cake 230650 25797.79 6.32 88322.25 22.39 157726.94 37.03 20173.46 4.37

Coconut Shell 44029010 10378 3.92 14877 6.68 13888 6.82 325 0.14
 Coconut Shell(Unworked) 14049060 0.02 0.0003 nil nil nil nil nil nil

Note: Figures for 2015-16 and 2016-17 (Apr to May) is provisional.

Annex-II
 Country wise import of Coconut

(Values In Million US\$)

ITEM	COUNTRY	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (APR TO MAY)
QTY(MT)	VAL	QTY(MT)	VAL	QTY(MT)	VAL
Coconut	Indonesia	12.50	0.02	25.00	0.06
	Philippines	nil	nil	0.57	0.002
	Sri Lanka DSRr	2.00	0.01	220.50	0.54
	Switzerland	0.04	0.0003	nil	nil
	U S A	30.00	0.02	nil	nil
Coconut Oil	France	nil	nil	0.75	0.01
	Germany	nil	nil	0.19	0.001
	Indonesia	1625.98	1.47	9671.34	12.96
	Korea Rp	nil	nil	0.54	0.001
	New Zealand	nil	nil	nil	0.86
	Sri Lanka DSR	nil	nil	0.07	0.0003
	U Arab Emts	19.59	0.03	nil	nil
	U S A	nil	nil	0.36	0.003
Coconut Oil Cake	Cote D" Noire	1295.99	0.32	230.49	0.05
	Guinea	nil	nil	1045.63	0.27
	Guinea Bissau	nil	nil	157.85	0.05
	Indonesia	18300.00	4.58	67756.10	16.96
	Malaysia	nil	nil	38.48	0.01
	Mozambique	nil	nil	238.78	0.06
	Papua N Gna	nil	nil	256.00	0.06
	Philippines	6170.00	1.41	18050.00	4.68
	Sri Lanka DSR	31.80	0.01	2247.18	0.69
Coconut Shell	China P R	4.00	0.0003	nil	nil
	Indonesia	nil	nil	186.00	0.09
	Mozambique	54.00	0.02	173.00	0.07
	Philippines	10320.00	3.90	14388.00	6.46
	Russia	nil	nil	48.00	0.10
	Sri Lanka DSR	nil	nil	633.00	0.30
	Vietnam Soc Rep	nil	nil	130.00	0.06
Coconut Shell(Unworked)	Brazil	0.02	0.0003		

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